Nation-wide Industrial strike

234. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a Nation-wide one day industrial strike recently,

(b) if so, the estimated loss suffered as a consequences thereof;

(c) the reasons for the industrial workers to go on strike; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to resolve the issues involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes. Banking and Insurance industries and some of the defence undertakings are among the major sectors of the economy affected my the strike. The impact of the strike in the central public sector undertakings is estimated to have been of the order of 10 per cent and the impact was generally confined to West Bengal, Kerala and Bihar. Only a marginal effect of this strike was felt in coal industry, non-coal mines, cement industry, telecommunications, Posts and Telegraphs, steel, oil industry, Currency Note Press, Indian Security Press and Government of India Mints.

(c) Strike call was given mainly in protest against the new Ecoonmic and Industrial Policy.

(d) A Special Tripartite Committee has been formed to consider the impact of New Industrial Policy on Labour and othe related issues. In the Committee meetings, the issue of industrial sickness was discussed and it was decided to reactivate the industrial committees in areas where sickness is endemic. Accordingly six industrial Committees have been formed which are examining the incidence of sickness unit-wise and would be prescribing appropriate remadies.

Indian Medical Service

235. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIMSE MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand from any Quarter to create Indian Medical Service; and

(b) if so, what is the present stage of consideration of the proposal and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Suggestions have been received from various quarters for creation of an All India Service in the field of Medicine and Health. However, since most of the State Governments have not expressed their opinion in favour of such an All India Service, there is no proposal at this stage to constitute an Indian Medical Service.

Refresher courses for the officials

236. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many refereshser and special courses for senior and middle level officials are held each year; stating the year-wise details thereof; and

(b) what is the number of participants in each course alongwith the expenditure incurred per head during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Department of Personnel and Training is the cadre controlling authority for